

## Volunteers of the year award

Let me first say thank you to EVERYONE for your hard work and dedication to the Indiana Amphibian Monitoring Program. We had a pretty successful data collecting season and I was actually able to compile some statistics this year! I'll let you know when I get them put on the website.

Anyway, back to the awards. Very specific details were looked at when choosing the volunteer of the year award recipients. Under normal circumstances only one individual will be chosen to receive the Indiana Amphibian Monitoring Program's NAAMP Volunteer of Year and FrogWatch Volunteer of the Year Awards.

This year, we had three outstanding NAAMP contributors to the program. These individuals were selected based on the following criteria:

- All data collected complies with National NAAMP guidelines
- Volunteer accurately collected, entered into database and submitted data in a timely manner.
- Collected data during all three run windows.

These individuals are:

Merilee Britt (Mishawaka)  
Eagle Creek Route #350402

Bill Dean (Louisville, Ky) Floyds  
Knobs Route # 350116

Ben Shafer (Warsaw)  
North Manchester Route #350103

One individual stood out as the FrogWatch volunteer of the year. This person was chosen based on:

- Total number of sites registered
- Total number of times data was collected at each site.

This individual is:  
Val Frazee (Indianapolis)  
17 stationary sites registered with a total of 218 visits!

## Congratulations for a job well done!

## Scientific name of Southern Leopard Frog Changes

The National NAAMP program has notified me that the scientific name for the Southern leopard frog has changed. OLD name: *Rana utricularia* NEW name: *Rana sphenoccephala* Please make note of this change if you track scientific names.

## Woohoo! Way to go FrogWatch volunteers

Everyone who monitors a stationary site definitely receives congratulations! Frogwatch stats as of October 1:

<u>States with the most observers.</u>		<u>States with the most sites.</u>	
State	Observers	State	Sites
MD	243	NY	273
CA	189	OH	203
NY	181	<b>IN</b>	<b>186</b>
PA	167	CA	176
OH	151	PA	164
TX	139	MD	150
<b>IN</b>	<b>135</b>	NH	122
FL	125	TX	122
VA	114	WI	116
MA	103	FL	115

## And Take A Look at this!!

<u>States with the most active watchers.</u>	
State	Visits
<b>IN</b>	<b>583</b>
MD	533
NY	514
OH	192
PA	174
CA	141
CT	106
VT	83
ME	71
VA	67

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